

Cox, Sharla

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Sarah,

Here is the Oath for the 75E Watermaster and a certificate of appointment. I have to write him today anyway and I'll forward the certificate to him, so no need to mail him a copy. I've also attached his contact info, so could you update the WM contact for 75E?

Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 4:31 PM
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Subject:

Nick,

Want to bring you up to date. District did get its Employer ID # today and will work on getting its banking account Wednesday.

The assessments have gone to the Secretary to get out. In looking over the addresses it is found that there are two new property owners so your current list is not up to date. You may want to look at that.

One of the property changes, brought up a question. The Bourdon/Hartley property was sold, in researching the new owner it was found that Bourdon has a claim from Wallace Creek that appears to not been part of the sell. As a claim does it get accessed?

The other issue is in regards to the Savage Ditch. The USFS asked me to come to a meeting regarding this diversion. The USFS provides an easement across public lands that conveys the water to the various users. It seems that one individual who has a .41 cfs use of the total 1.3 cfs controls the permit for this easement. Internal conflict of the ditch users has him going to the USFS with a letter saying he does not want water delivered in the ditch this year. The USFS is supporting the letter because they want water in Wallace Creek for steelhead and salmon and they are not concerned with the other water users' water rights. They do admit that there is one other water user on the ditch that has a valid claim to the ditch use and they are okay sending him his .1 cfs.

The question is- What is my responsibility in the deliverance of water? If the ditch users call for the total 1.3 cfs or a portion thereof should I open the headgate and send water down the ditch?

Based on other documentation and letters it is clear that the USFS is concerned about their position in this drainage due to the involvement of Western Watershed. In the meeting the Ranger and staff person were positioning to keeping minimum stream flows for fish.

Attached is my oath document for your files.

Let me know your thoughts.

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